

REMARKS**OVERVIEW**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 18-20 are new. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance are therefore respectfully requested.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,289,908 to Kelsey in view of U. S. Patent No. 4,663,538 to Cotton et al., U. S. Patent No. 4,663,948 to Rummel or U. S. Patent No. 3,824,813 to Davis. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Kelsey discloses a double dishwasher having side-by-side dishwashing cabinets. Kelsey does not disclose and the Examiner recognizes that Kelsey does not disclose the power limiting distribution control system of claim 1 (Office Action, page 2, numbered paragraph 2). Davis, Rummel, and Cotton disclose various control systems for controlling dual appliances. Davis and Rummel are directed towards combination washers and dryers. Cotton is directed towards a control system that can be used to control one or more washers or dryers. Neither Davis, Rummel, nor Cotton is specifically directed towards a dishwasher, let alone a dishwasher having multiple compartments. It is further submitted that, as the Examiner states, Cotton, Rummel and Davis are all for controlling dual appliances. The invention of claim 1 is "a multiple compartment dishwasher." Thus, claim 1 is directed towards a single appliance with multiple compartments and not to dual appliances. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections to claim 1 should be withdrawn on this basis.

The purpose of the control system of claim 1 has also been more explicitly stated. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to require that the power limiting distribution control system is adapted for managing distribution of power "during independent washing and simultaneous use." Claim 1 has also been amended to make clear that the first compartment and the second compartment are both adapted for independent washing and simultaneous use.

Kelsey simply does not disclose washing using multiple compartments of a dishwasher at the same time. Neither Cotton, Rummel or Davis disclose using multiple compartments of a dishwasher at the same time. Therefore, neither Kelsey, Cotton, Rummel, and Davis, alone or in combination disclose each and every limitation of claim 1. Therefore, this rejection must be withdrawn on this basis.

As claims 4-9 depend from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should also be withdrawn.

Claim 10 also requires an electrical control system adapted for providing "for independent control and simultaneous use of the plurality of dishwasher compartments." Claim 10 is also directed towards a single appliance. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections to claim 10 should also be withdrawn.

As claims 13-17 depend from claim 10, these rejections should also be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applied prior art as applied to claims 1 and 10, and further in view of Hummel. Hummel is directed towards a control system for dual appliances and not for a single appliance.

Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn for that reason. Also, claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and Hummel does not remedy the deficiencies with respect to the deficiencies and rejections to claim 1. Similarly, claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 10 and Hummel does not

remedy the deficiencies and rejections with respect to claim 10. Therefore, these rejections should also be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 18-20 are new. Claim 18 is directed toward subject matter similar to that of claim 1, but also expressly states that "the power limiting distribution control system adapted for controlling power usage when both the first dishwashing compartment and the second dishwashing compartment are used simultaneously to thereby avoid exceeding a rated current draw." Support for claims 18- 20 is clear at least from Figure 1 and paragraphs [0006] -[0008]. No new matter has been added.

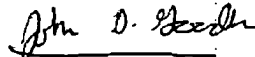
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is requested.

CONCLUSION

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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